

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 835 - HB 1251

March 11, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a county election commission from mailing an application to vote absentee unless the commission receives a written request for an absentee ballot application. Establishes that this prohibition does not apply to the voters on the permanent absentee voting register.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202, a voter desiring to vote absentee is authorized to request or submit the absentee ballot application by mail, fax, or e-mail with an attached document that includes a scanned signature.
- The proposed legislation prevents a county election commission from mailing or transmitting the absentee ballot application unless the written request is received from a voter.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-201(3)(A), county election commissions automatically send an absentee ballot application to each voter on the permanent absentee voter register.
- The proposed legislation would not significantly impact the policies or procedures of local county election commissions or significantly decrease the cost of printing and postage.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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